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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FERTILIZER SALES TO CHINA

1. EMBASSY CONFIRMED WITH INDUSTRY SOURCES PRESS REPORT THAT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FEB. 24 IN PEKING ESTABLISHING QUANTITIES AND PRICES FOR FOLLOWING JAPANESE FERTILIZER TO BE SOLD TO CHINA DURING JANUARY-JUNE 1975. FIGURES IN PARENTHESES ARE TOTAL QUANTITIES FOR 1974 FERTILIZER YEAR (JUNE 1974-JUNE 1975). A) UREA: 550,000 TONS (905,000 TONS); B) AMMONIUM SULPHATE: 50,000 TONS (180,000 TONS); C) AMMONIUM CHLORIDE: 210,000 TONS (410,000 TONS). TOTAL QUANTITY (A, B, AND C) IS 30 PERCENT DOWN FROM SAME PERIOD LAST FERTILIZER YEAR.

2. TOTAL PRICE FOR A AND B ABOVE IS YEN 50 BILLION CIF (\$170 AT 290 YEN TO DOLLAR), AND FOR C IS YEN 9 BILLION (\$30 MILLION). PRICES ARE 25 PERCENT ABOVE THOSE FOR FIRST HALF 1974 FERTILIZER YEAR.

3. COMMENT: NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN LAST NOVEMBER WERE DIFFICULT DUE TO TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION ON ONE HAND AND IMPORTANCE OF CHINESE MARKET TO JAPAN (60

PERCENT OF UREA EXPORTS) ON THE OTHER. CONTINUED WEAKENING OF DOLLAR MAY HAVE INDUCED CHINESE TO ACCEPT
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